

## DOINGS OF THE WEEK

### Current Events of Interest Gathered From the World at Large.

#### General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

The late Geo. H. Williams, ex-mayor of Portland, left an estate valued at \$163,262.

Leaders of fashion in Paris have decreed that the "rat" will no longer be worn by women.

After a 40-day chase the leaders of a big Chinese smuggling gang have been captured in California.

The Washington Equal Suffrage association had a stormy session and very little was accomplished.

British political parties are preparing for a final struggle in parliament on the Lords' veto question.

A bill has been introduced in the Utah legislature for a \$200,000 exhibit at the Panama fair in San Francisco in 1915.

Heirs of the late Mary Baker Eddy will contest her will, which left the bulk of her fortune to the Christian Science church.

A Great Northern train was snow-bound for four days in Montana, while the wind blew a gale and the temperature went to 50 degrees below zero.

Congressman Macon, of Arkansas, declares he will oppose to the utmost the making of Peary a rear admiral until he proves his discovery of the North Pole.

The widow of the late Henry Weinhard, a wealthy brewer of Portland, has given a 30-acre tract, worth \$30,000, near Portland, for the establishment of a home for aged Germans.

Heavy snow stopped the town clock at Albany, Ore., by clogging the hands.

Cincinnati loses her finest building, the chamber of commerce, by fire; loss about \$1,000,000.

A hurricane off the coast of West Australia wrecked a pearling fleet and drowned 40 men.

James A. Farrell, of Brooklyn, has been selected to succeed W. E. Corey as president of the Steel trust.

Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, is working for a law to limit election campaign expenses in that state.

A hotel clerk of El Paso, Tex., has confessed that he was one of the "robbers" who looted his hotel office Jan. 5.

#### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 84¢@85½¢; club, 82¢@83½¢; red Russian, 80¢; Valley 82¢@83¢; 40-fold, 83¢@83½¢.

Barley—Feed, 24¢@25¢ per ton; brewing, 27¢@27.50¢ per ton. Millstuffs—Bran, 23.50¢@24.50¢ per ton; middlings, 31¢; shorts, 25.50¢@26.50¢; rolled barley, 25¢@26¢.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette Valley, 19¢@20¢ per ton; Eastern Oregon, 21¢@22¢; alfalfa, 14¢; grain hay, 14.50¢@15.50¢; clover, 13¢@14¢.

Corn—Whole, 22¢; cracked, 30¢ ton. Oats—No 1 white, 28¢@28.50¢ ton. Apples—Waxen, 50¢@51¢; Baldwin, 75¢@81.25¢; Northern Spy, 60¢@61.25¢; Snow, 1.25¢; Red Cheek Pippin, 1.1¢; 1.25¢; Winter Banana, 1.75¢@2¢; Spitzengberg, 1.25¢@1.75¢; Yellow Newtown, 1.75¢.

Green Fruits—Pears, 1.25¢@2¢ per box; cranberries, 12¢@12.50¢ per barrel.

Vegetables—Beans, 12½¢ per lb.; cabbage, 1.25¢ per hundred; cauliflower, 2.25¢ per crate; celery, California, 33¢@3.25¢ per crate; squash, 1.01¢ per lb.; tomatoes, 1.75¢ per box; carrots, 1.1¢@1.25¢ hundred; parsnips, 1.1¢@1.25¢; turnips, 1¢; beets, 1.25¢@1.50¢.

Potatoes—Oregon, jobbing prices, 1.25¢@1.35¢ per hundred.

Onions—Buying price, 1.50¢ per hundred.

Poultry—Live: Hens, 18½¢@19¢; Springs, 18½¢@19¢; turkeys, 20¢@21¢; ducks, 23¢; geese, 14¢; dressed turkeys, choice, 25¢.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 33¢@35¢; Eastern, 28¢@30¢.

Butter—City creamery extra, 1 and 2 pound prints, in boxes, 35¢ per pound; less than boxes, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork—Fancy, 11¢@12¢ per pound. Veal—Fancy, 85¢ to 125¢ pounds, 13¢@14¢ per pound.

Hops—1910 crop, 18¢@18½¢; 1909 crop, 10¢@12¢; contracts, 12¢@13¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 12¢@18¢ per lb., according to shrinkage; Valley, 17¢@19¢ per pound. Mohair, choice, 30¢@31¢.

Cattle—Prime steers 77¢@7.50¢; good to choice, 6.50¢@7.00¢; fair to good, 5.50¢@6.50¢; common, 4.50¢@5.75¢; choice to prime cows, 4.25¢@5.50¢; good to choice beef cows, 4.75¢@5.25¢; fair to choice, 4.25¢@4.75¢; common to fair, 3.75¢@4.25¢; good to choice heifers, 4.75¢@5.25¢; fair to good, 4.50¢@4.75¢; common to fair, 4.25¢@4.50¢; good to choice fat bulls, 3.75¢@4.50¢; fair to good, 3.25¢@3.50¢; common bulls, 2.50¢@3.25¢; good to choice light calves, 3.75¢@4.50¢; fair to good, 3.25¢@3.75¢; good to choice heavy calves, 3.25¢@3.75¢; fair to good, 2.75¢@3.25¢; common calves, 2.50¢@2.75¢; good to choice stags, 4.50¢@5.50¢.

Hogs—Fair to good, 44¢@4.50¢; choice, 45¢@4.75¢; good to choice, 46¢@4.75¢.

Sheep—Yearling wethers, grain-fed, 4.75¢@5.00¢; old wethers, grain-fed, 4.25¢@4.50¢; choice ewes, grain-fed, 3.75¢@4.75¢; feeders, 2.25¢@3.25¢; choice lambs, grain-fed, 3.50¢@4.75¢; good to choice, grain-fed, 3.50¢@4.25¢.

#### GRAFT MONEY PAID BACK.

Pennsylvania Recovers \$1,595,740 on Crooked State House Deal.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Restitution of \$1,595,740 and the surrender of warrants aggregating \$200,000, upon which payment had been stopped, were made in the Dauphin County Court by the men convicted or otherwise implicated by Pennsylvania in the Capitol fraud.

In consideration, the commonwealth agreed to drop further criminal action against the defendants indicted, and, with the exception of the case of Joseph M. Huston, of Philadelphia, who is under an indeterminate sentence of from six months to two years and who has an appeal in the Supreme Court, the Capitol fraud cases are declared ended and the state satisfied.

The new Capitol, a magnificent structure, with its rich furnishings, cost approximately \$13,000,000. Of this the state alleged it had been defrauded of about \$5,000,000. Up to date the state has expended \$107,961 in prosecuting the cases. Restitution of \$1,595,740 is said to have been made by certain defendants.

#### PATTEN SUE FOR BIG SUM.

Cotton Speculator May Have to Pay \$6,000,000 for Gambling.

Chicago, Jan. 10.—James A. Patten, retired millionaire grain broker, whose successful operations in the cotton market led recently to Federal grand jury indictments, was sued for \$6,000,000 in the Superior Court today.

The plaintiff, Dr. Paul Burmaster, president of the Chicago and Gambling League, does not assert to have



MENE WALLACE.

New York.—A letter received from Mene Wallace, by his friend, Chester Beckett, complained that the Peary relief ship which took Mene back to the North, left him many miles from Etah in a strange part of Greenland with no provisions, no furs and no dogs. Mene was landed at North Star Bay and had a great deal of trouble to get to Etah, where he was known. Mene says that Peary is hated in his country for his cruelty. He does not believe that Peary found the Pole or that Cook found it. Mene was brought to this country about 14 years ago by Peary, with his father and two other Eskimos. All died but Mene. He attended the public schools in New York, but got homesick.

been a participant or a loser in any of the operations with Mr. Patten, but brings suit under an Illinois statute whereby any person having knowledge of a gambling transaction may sue and recover to the amount of three times the total lost by any of the victims.

Burmaster was inspired to bring the suit, he said, through recently becoming acquainted with a retired broker who related to him the manner in which men win and lose money on the Board of Trade, chiefly through dealing in futures.

#### Deep Destitution in China.

Shanghai.—Very intense suffering, amounting to starvation, among 1,000,000 farmers in the northern part of the province of Anhui, following the drowning of 1000 persons, is reported in an appeal by the provincials to the government for aid. The Hual and Kwo rivers, which for two weeks have been out of banks, are said to have caused the devastation of 7000 square miles. Villages were washed completely away, and in some instances the entire population perished. Crops were destroyed and the government has been asked to provide for the destitute.

#### Locomotive Slides Through Draw.

Vancouver, B. C.—Sliding along rails made slippery by the heavy snow, a Great Northern engine drawing a long freight train, plunged through the open draw soon after 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. Engineer Baker stuck with the engine and made the 30 foot drop, getting free and swimming to safety. The accident was witnessed by hundreds of people and a miniature passenger car was the big machine hung for a second over the end of the bridge, then broke from its coupling and plunged into False creek.

#### Seventeen Parish in Atlantic.

Highland Light, Mass.—The worst disaster the Life Guards of the coast of Cape Cod had seen in many years occurred Tuesday on the sand bars off the Peaked Hills. They stood on the beach with their lifeboats and other apparatus, unable to render assistance, while three coal-carrying barges were hurled to destruction and all on board—17 men—lost their lives in the surf.

#### Voices of Great Man Canned.

Paris.—Great men of France and visiting notables are to have their voices "phonographed" and the records will be preserved at the Sarrbonne for future generations. The records will be made with unusual care. A voice collection of great singers is now being prepared.

## GENERAL NEWS OF NATIONAL HAPPENINGS

Saturday, January 14.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Congressman James McLaughlin, of California, today presented to the house a criticism of the present state of the national defenses. The criticism was written for the United Press by Frederick Louis Hildekoper, and declares that the country is now practically defenseless and at the mercy of Germany, Japan or any first class power.

Among other things the report says:

"The American people should know that their army is in a lamentable state, and that our means of defense, except for the navy, are virtually nil.

"The American army today has only enough infantry ammunition for one single engagement. The field artillery does not possess enough manufactured ammunition to fight so much as one battle.

"How long would our 30 regiments of infantry stand against the 200,000 troops which Germany could land on the Atlantic coast, or Japan on the Pacific coast, within five weeks after the declaration of war?

"We Americans thing our militia a wonderful force. Nothing could be further from the truth from a military standpoint.

"War used to last 100 years or more. Now it lasts one year or less, and preparation must be made beforehand.

"The location of army posts is most defective. The war department has tried to abandon posts worthless from a military standpoint, but has been compelled to countermand the order, owing to political influence.

"Never in our history have we been prepared for war. A good business man cannot be made in a day or a month; neither can a good soldier.

"Washington declared that we ought to have a good army rather than a large one. Today we have neither.

Friday, January 13.

Washington, Jan. 13.—That the senate at this session must face the question whether the Constitution shall be amended so as to require the election of senators by direct vote of the people was made apparent today. A vote, which many senators considered a test of sentiment, resulted largely in favor of the proposition. The matter came up in the senate in connection with the joint resolution for the amendment of the Constitution recently reported from the committee on judiciary.

Senator Bailey effectively blocked one administration bill in the senate, providing for the enlargement of the Engineer Corps of the Army, and remarked significantly that he was prepared to oppose the administration scheme for the creation of a tariff commission.

The Gardiner bill, which would prohibit the admission into the United States of any illiterate alien over 16 years old, was ordered today favorably reported to the house by the committee on immigration.

Representative Hawley, of Oregon, introduced a bill today granting a pension of \$16 a month to all veterans who served 30 days or longer in any Indian war in the United States prior to 1880.

Thursday, January 12.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Captain Robt. E. Peary, Arctic explorer, today was formally approved by a subcommittee of the house committee on naval affairs.

The subcommittee at an executive meeting, from which the two principal opponents of Captain Peary, Robert Macon, were absent, adopted a favorable report to the full committee on the Bates bill, which extends the thanks of congress to Peary and retires him with the rank of Rear Admiral in the Engineer Corps of the Navy.

Captain Peary is 53 years old, and the action, if approved by the full committee and agreed to by the senate, will place him immediately upon the retired list with about the same pay—\$6000—as he is receiving as a captain upon the active list.

The report probably will arouse a lively discussion in the house. Significant progress was made today in the movement for the creation of a permanent Tariff Commission.

Not only did President Taft, in an address at the banquet of the National Tariff Commission Association, openly endorse the Longworth bill, but early today he summoned the Republican members of the ways and means committee to the White House and urged them to harmonize their differences.

Wednesday, January 11.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Senators Heyburn and Borah, both of Idaho, engaged in a parliamentary duel in the Senate today over a bill increasing the number of challenges allowed the Government in criminal prosecutions.

Borah supported the bill as a member of the committee on judiciary, contending for the right of the Government to have a reasonable opportunity to procure fair judges.

Opposing the bill, Heyburn contended that the Government's opportunities in prosecutions are sufficiently extended. He said that, while

Pensions Greatly Increased.

Washington.—By the passage of the national pension bill by the house, \$45,000,000 was added to the expenditures on account of pensions. The vote was 112 to 62. Speaker Cannon personally took the floor and vigorously urged the passage of the measure, which grants pensions ranging from \$15 to \$36 to veterans who are 62 years old or more and who served 90 days in the Civil War or 60 days in the Mexican War.

since 1906 there has been 113 indictments in the United States Court at Denver, there had not been a single conviction.

Borah voted in the affirmative and Heyburn in the negative, the few other Senators present remaining silent.

"The ayes appear to have it," the chair announced.

"You mean that the aye has it," commented Heyburn.

"The ayes have it and the bill is passed," persisted the chair and the bill was sent on its way to the house.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The project mapped out by the Army Engineers for a 30-foot channel from Portland to the mouth of the Columbia River, and recommended in the report sent to Congress today by the Secretary of War, probably will be approved and adopted by a provision that is expected to be inserted in the river and harbors bill by the Senate committee on commerce, which now has that bill in charge.

If sufficient effort is made, this amendment will not only carry an appropriation of \$520,000 for constructing two dredges for use on this channel, but will authorize the entire project at its full estimated cost of \$2,770,000, and place the work on a continuing contract basis, so that dredging and dike construction can proceed steadily without interruption, necessary funds being appropriated from year to year in the sundry civil bill until the work is completed and paid for.

Tuesday, January 10.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Senator Crawford, of South Dakota, bitterly attacked Senator Lorimer, of Illinois, today, charging that he must have known of the corrupt practices employed in electing him. The election of State Representative Shurtleff as speaker of the lower house of the Illinois legislature, Crawford said, was the "first step in the corrupt program."

"The next move," he continued, "was to install Lee O'Neill Browne as minority leader."

He reviewed the testimony of the representatives and senators who confessed in connection with the bribery charges.

"The strength of this testimony is not broken by its association with State Representatives White, Beckmeier, Holtzlaw and Link, self-confessed criminals. They are contemptible people, I readily grant, but there is something so consistent in the theory that Lorimer purchased them, and something so completely antagonistic in the theory that they were honest votes cast in Lorimer's favor, that I cannot escape the conviction that these men betrayed their honor and blackened the fair name of the state for paltry dollars and permitted Browne and Broderick to sell them like pawns to Shurtleff and Lorimer."

"This testimony falls miserably of its purpose," he said. "Its only tendency is further confirmation and corroborative proof that Lorimer was unlawfully elected. I wish I could believe that Lorimer himself did not know that fraud was being committed. I regret to say it, but I personally believe that Lorimer knew enough about what was going on in Springfield to prove to any reasonably prudent man upon inquiry that Browne and Shurtleff were his political agents, and that he ratified their acts and accepted the results of their corrupt practices, of which he must have had knowledge. I may be wrong, but I am willing that the report of this subcommittee be adopted without protest."

Monday, January 9.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Senator Beveridge today introduced a resolution declaring that William Lorimer of Illinois was not duly elected to the United States senate.

The resolution was handed in with a minority report on the finding of the senate committee on privileges and elections, which investigated the charges of bribery in connection with the Lorimer election.

Badly battered in the three days' storm that swept the House last March, the Speaker "came back" in a way that brought a grim smile of satisfaction to his countenance and left his enemies, the "insurgents," discomfited.

The Speaker today was sustained by a majority on a ruling identical with the one he made last March, when the House overruled his decision through a combination of insurgent Republicans and Democrats.

On the eve of their return to power the Democrats voted to sustain the ruling of the chair. The insurgents—27 of them—stood by their guns and fought the Speaker bravely in a lost cause.

It was on the point as to whether a proposed amendment to the rules, offered from the floor, constituted a question of high constitutional privilege that the storm broke. It was precisely this question that called out the "revolution" of last March, when Norris, of Nebraska, offered an amendment providing for a rules committee of 15 members to be elected by the House, instead of three members appointed by the Speaker. The Speaker ruled the Norris resolution out of order.

\$5,000,000 Wanted Now.

Washington, Jan. 13.—An immediate appropriation of \$5,000,000 for Panama Canal fortifications to be taken out of a total appropriation of \$12,475,328 for Panama defenses and to be included in the regular appropriation bill for the next fiscal year, was asked of Congress today by the war department. The President sent a special message to congress yesterday recommending its appropriation.

#### WAS LAST TO SING FOR KING

Mme. Lorraine, American Singer, Sang Favorite Hymn for Late King Edward VII.

Much is being made of Mme. Alya Lorraine, the American opera singer, by British aristocracy just now. For she had the distinction of being the last to sing for the late King Edward VII. before his death.

She sang for the king his favorite hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," at his special request, for he seemed to have had a presentiment that the end was not far off. It was at Biarritz and the beautiful New York widow rose well to the occasion. Anticipating that the king would ask for this hymn, Mme. Lorraine stayed up several hours practicing it on the previous evening. When the service was over, King Edward complimented the soloist with peculiar emphasis and said he hoped to hear her at Convent Garden. Before leaving Biarritz he sent Mme. Lorraine a present of a bracelet.

King Edward had already heard of her in connection with a successful concert she gave in London. She completed a series of songs composed by royalty—some of them by members of King Edward's own family—and at this concert only these compositions were performed.

Mme. Lorraine has been a student of the serious school, both in Florence and Paris. Six years of hard study has given her a fine finish. Jean de Reszke says of her that she is an ideal Marguerite. Being big and blonde and of wonderful coloring, she looks the part naturally. Though not long before the public, Mme. Lorraine has won laurels at Baden-Baden, The Hague, Monte Carlo, Paris and London, and the adhesion of the British aristocracy to her cause this year means that a record winter season lies before her.—Kansas City Star.

#### A Merry Heart.

Cheerfulness should be a matter for religious cultivation, as much as honesty or benevolence. In truth, it is a species of benevolence, as well as invaluable in its reactionary effect. Conversely, moodiness and chronic depression are a supreme form of selfishness, unless occasioned by insanity. We have no more moral right to stand in people's sunlight than we have to rob their coal cellars or strangle their pet canaries—no more right to waste their staying power than to drop strychnine in their coffee.

An unreasonable moper is worse than a minus quantity in algebra, reducing renerating all around him.

One of the best short sermons ever written is the poem about the old woman whose cheerfulness and contentment are twins. "Cheerfulness is the strongest chain with which to bind a husband's affections. Be bright and merry before him, no matter what little foxes are destroying the vines in your own pet garden."

#### Marionette Theater.

One of the features of the theatrical exposition which took place in Munich recently was the marionette theater, of which an American, who attended one of the performances, writes: "The Munich zoo, where the exhibition took place, swarmed with theatrical people, artists and patrons of the stage. Every person found something to interest him, but the puppet theater was the chief attraction for us. We saw two performances—Offenbach's 'Pretty Maid of Elzandor' and 'King Viola and Princess Clarinette,' by Mulmann and Scherzer. So closely did spoken words harmonize with the acting of the figures and so exactly did the manipulators of the strings and wires make the action suit the word that one fancied he saw living pygmies on the stage."

#### The Ancient Incubator.

Few of those who wrestle with the chicken-incubator problem, and often fail to solve it, realize how old an art they are struggling to master. Thousands of years ago Egyptians in one part of the world and the Chinese in another had the art of incubating eggs so highly developed that it was an hereditary profession, the secret guarded with religious sacredness and handed down from father to son. The odd stories called "mammals" that the Egyptians used as incubators date back to remote antiquity. Even before the French Revolution the Paris markets had incubator chickens, thanks to an apparatus, which was invented in France in 1777.

#### Good Work in South.

Miss Winifred Holt, who is prominent in the work of the Civic Federation in New York, has come to the aid of the southern colony, that was established by Miss Holman in North Carolina 11 years ago. The object is to help the mountaineers to a better life physically first, and then do what can be done for their intellectual development. All these mountaineers are said to be "belated ancestors," that is, they are descended from the best class of English immigrants at the time of the settlement.

#### In Modest Circumstances.

Senora Braga, wife of the new president of Portugal, says that she is proud of her husband, but at the same time is sorry for anything that will break up their happy little home. They lost two children many years ago and since then the president and his wife have been very much dependent upon one another. They will still keep their one-story little house, overlooking the Tagus, until such time as they may return to it again.

#### PRETTY WOMAN IN TROUBLE

Severe Post Office Official Finally Yields to Her Pleading and Gives Letter Back.

The post office official put on his severest manner. "You say you mailed the letter about an hour ago at a window in the east corridor?" he asked.

The beautiful woman dabbed a handkerchief in her soulful eyes and at the tip of her classic nose.

"Yes, yes," she said. "To whom was it addressed?" She told him.

"And now you want to stop that letter?" he went on, with still more severity. "You want to get it back? Why?"

"Because," said the woman, with unpremeditated frankness, "I am afraid his wife, who has just arrived in town, will get hold of it."

"Oh!" said the stern official. She got the letter.

EVEN SO.



The Statistician—I tell you, sir, figures don't lie.

The Bank President—Maybe not, but they have a provoking way of evading the truth when manipulated by a crooked cashier.

#### The Hero's Fate.

The hero had returned from the wilds of Africa. "For days," he related modestly, "I was almost swallowed by crocodiles." The heroine's eyes softened. "Gracious!" she exclaimed sympathetically.

"And masticated by man-eating lions."

"Oh, Herbert!"

"And eaten by cannibals."

He paused for breath. Then what did she do? Womanlike, she devoured him with a glance.

#### A Doubt.

"I can't figure out," said Van Dusen, "whether from what Knicker told me about the cook's answer at the club, when Jorkins pitched into him about the birds always being generally cold, whether the cook gave him a stinging retort or the bird, cooked as he wanted it."

"What did Knicker say," asked his friend.

"He said, 'When Jorkins carried on that way, I tell you, the cook handed him a hot one.'"

#### His New Password.

"I want to change my password," said the man who had for two years rented a safety deposit box.

"Very well," replied the man in charge. "What is the old one?"

"Gladys."

"And what do you wish the new one to be?"

"Mabel. Gladys has gone to Reno."

#### Not Room for Brother.

"Going to leave us, Brother Goodman?" asked one of the members of the little flock.

"Yes," said the pastor; "Satan is crowding me. He's interfering with my work, and I don't seem to be interfering in the least with him; so I am going to move away and leave him in sole possession of the town."

#### Can You Blame Him?

"It is said," he remarked, "that the proportion of unmarried women in this country grows larger every year."

"Well," she replied, "it's only natural that it should be so, seeing that the proportion of real men grows smaller in this country every year."

Then he got his hat and went home.

#### A Fare Guess.

Flub—Who originated the idea that the longest way round was the shortest way home?"

Dub—Some taxicab driver, I suppose.—Town Topics.

#### Fencing.

Bill—I'll admit that prize fighting is brutal, but did you ever know fencing to hurt anyone?

Jill—Why, yes; the barbed-wire kind, I have.—Yonkers Statesman.

#### A Classy Neighborhood.

"How do you like your neighborhood?"

"Fine. We're the most interesting people you ever overheard on our party telephone line."

#### Feminine Handwriting.

"Is your wife